

1 **QUALIFICATIONS**

2 **Q. Please state your name and occupation.**

3 A. My name is Richard J. Lurito. I am president of Commonwealth Consulting Group,
4 Inc., with offices in McLean, Virginia.

5 **Q. Please outline your education and experience.**

6 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Illinois in
7 1958 and a Ph.D. degree from Georgetown University in Economics in 1969. My
8 doctoral dissertation treated the measurement of economies of scale in production.
9 During my graduate study, I was awarded Fellowships by Georgetown University, the
10 Relm Foundation, the H.B. Earhart Foundation and the American Enterprise Institute.
11 I was an instructor in Economics at Georgetown from 1967-1969 and an Assistant
12 Professor from 1970-1973. For two years, I taught Economic Theory, Labor
13 Economics, Statistics, Industrial Organization, and Government Regulation of
14 Business.

15 In July, 1971 I took a leave of absence from Georgetown to become Deputy
16 Economic Counselor to the Administrator of the General Services Administration
17 (GSA). In February, 1972 I was promoted to Acting Economic Counselor, a position I
18 held until I joined Commonwealth Consulting Group, Inc. in October, 1972. As
19 Acting Economic Counselor, it was my responsibility to advise the Administrator of
20 GSA on economic matters affecting all aspects of GSA's operations. Typical of the
21 issues I dealt with were the economics of the construction-lease alternative, the

1 appropriate level of the social rate of discount, alternative Government procurement
2 policies or regulations to save costs, and regulatory policies to improve competition. I
3 was the GSA representative to the Cabinet Committee on Construction, the
4 Interagency Committee on Construction, and the Government Regulations and
5 Purchasing Review Board.

6 I served as economic consultant to the Department of Health, Education, and
7 Welfare, to the General Services Administration, and to several law firms dealing with
8 international economic issues and problems, labor economics, industry economic
9 analysis, and the economics of human capital. Among the issues and problems I have
10 dealt within this connection were:

- 11 1. An evaluation of the WIN (Work Incentive) Program.
- 12 2. Analyses of the effects of U.S. foreign trade policy on American
13 industry.
- 14 3. An analysis of minimum wage-hour legislation.
- 15 4. Assembly of information inputs into a computerized retrieval system of
16 anti-trust law and economics.

17 Since joining Commonwealth Consulting Group, Inc., I have been involved in
18 the preparation of financial and economic studies concerning various aspects of utility
19 rate regulation: fair rate of return, the design of utility rates for various rate
20 classifications, and the broad subject of cost allocation. I have testified in the District
21 of Columbia and the states of Connecticut, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey,

1 New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and Washington as well as before the
2 Federal Communications Commission, the Canadian National Energy Board, and the
3 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

4 **Q. Would you provide a list of the cases in which you have testified in the area of**
5 **public utility economics.**

6 A. Yes. See attached Table.